Albemarle St—
Dec 13.'53

My Dear Sir

I hasten to acknowledge your obliging note of Novr. 30th received this morng & to entreat you to excuse my long silence to former communications wh I will endeavour not to repeat in future—

I regret to hear of your indisposition & hope you have quite recovered—

I have given careful consideration to the subject of the re-print of your book on Palestine— It is very desirable to compress the work into 2 Vols & yet preserve a readable & clear type— I do not think you can do better than copy Layard's last work in these respects— But even on this model— I calculate your Palestine will make at least 1200 pages— I hope however that you will be able to omit & compress a good deal of the Appendix matter

Revd Dr Robinson

At all events it will make 2 thick
volumes – I shall be glad to receive a
set of Stereotype plates – & will beg you
to let me know at what rate I can
be furnished with them – also of your
new Volume – If it shd fall far short
of the other two in bulk – it will be well
to print it – on a more open page – with
fewer lines in the page – but adopting
for the sake of uniformity – the same
type – The size must be demy 8vo as
before. I cd print an Edn of the new
volume – to sell separately for purchasers
of the original work –

If you will only furnish me with
the correct Drawings of the maps I will
undertake to have them well & carefully
engraved both for Europe & America

As I have already stated to you I propose
to publish the work in England at my
own risque & to give you half of the

profits When you next write pray tell me what will be the title of your new volume—

I enclose a few lines for you from the Rev A P Stanley—

I am very anxious to get a good Handbook for Travellers in Palestine You have already given me some suggestions—have you found out the fit man? Do you know any thing of the Revd J L Porter—who writes to me from Damascus offering his services & of his qualifications?

I have endeavoured to atone for former delays by a speedy attention to your last letter—Rely in future on my assiduous attention to your wishes

I remain My dear Sir

Yours very sincerely

John Murray

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